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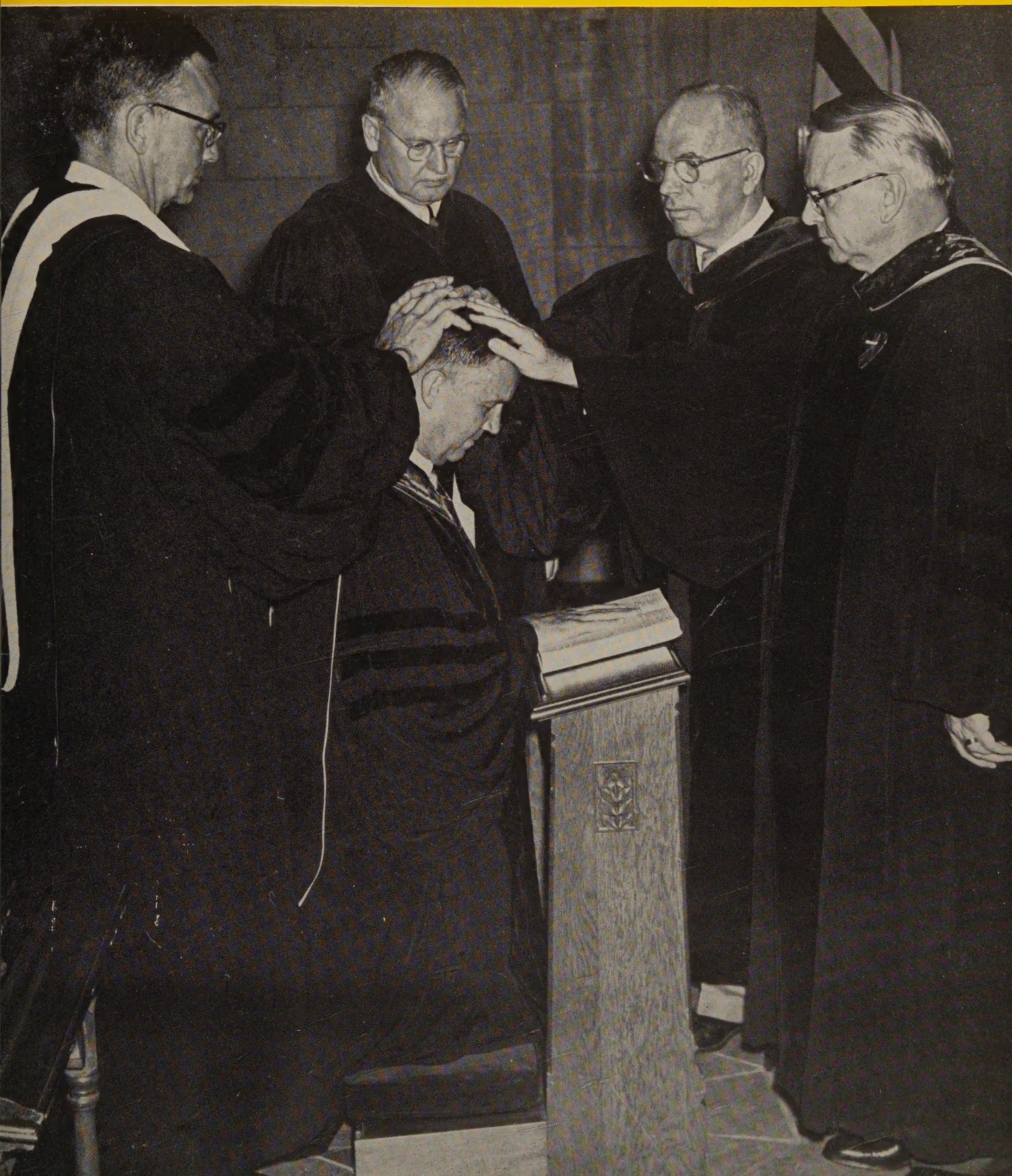

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From Our Readers

Dear Mr. Carberg:

For ZIONS HERALD under your Editorship I have nothing but praise, and as a true newspaperman you must have seen in "I Shall Commit Suicide" (July issue) a truly news article.

The article in question is well written and portrays rather accurately the world condition today, but certainly its position and the solution for the same lack the optimism, hope and faith of a Christian. As a matter of fact there is only a pessimistic, fatalistic and hopeless attitude as regards man and the world.

All of us are aware, I am sure, of the terrible condition of world affairs today, but no follower of Jesus Christ can concede that this member of the New England Conference, be he a minister, layman, or teacher, has the answer or solution to the problem.

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On the Cover . . .

Bishop James K. Mathews kneels at a rehearsal for his consecration to the episcopacy at the Metropolitan Memorial Methodist Church, following his election on June 17, at the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference. He was then assigned to the Boston Area. Others are, left to right: the Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Smith, New York and the Rev. Dr. James V. Claypool, New Bedford, Mass., sponsors. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam who retired as bishop of the Washington area, and Bishop John Wesley Lord who was transferred from Boston to the Washington area.

Inside Front Cover . . .

New England Conference lay leader, Warner Danforth, greets Bishop James K. Mathews at the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference at Washington, D. C.

Inside Back Cover . . .

Incoming and outgoing deans of the Boston Area Laymen's Assembly, which held their meeting this year at Nasson College, Springvale, Me., June 24-26. Left to right: Philip Crane, Hampton, N. H., dean; Bishop James K. Mathews and W. Norbert Hill, Gales Ferry, Conn., outgoing dean.

Back Cover . . .

The old and the new—Bishop John Wesley Lord wishes good luck to his successor in the Boston Area, Bishop James K. Mathews.

Editorial

Bishop Lord - A Compassionate Leader

No true evaluation of the service of Bishop John Wesley Lord to the New England area can be given without a realization of his deep sense of compassion for the unfortunate.

Indicative of this lovable trait, was the story of the little, ugly scrub pine that stood outside the Lord home in Wellesley.

The architect said: "It is an ugly tree, I'll cut it down before you move in." Bishop Lord replied: "Leave that tree alone. I want it to stand where it is," and stay it did.

Bishop Lord's life has been filled with the little scrub pines that others wanted to remove but which he insisted on retaining.

He had the curious faculty of taking a man or a woman who was a loser and making them over into winners for Christ and the church. He believed with all his heart that Christianity had a transforming power and he was instrumental in applying it to the people he met in everyday life.

How many people who met him during his 12 years in New England were changed into better and more useful men and women through his spirituality.

In back of the extraordinary mass of personal devotion which had accrued to him over the years, was the gratitude engendered by the people he had helped to transform, who otherwise would have remained lost.

We miss you, Bishop Lord, as you go to your new charge with the unquestioning obedience which you, as a soldier of Christ had always proclaimed.

In your new and perhaps larger field of endeavor, we know that you will win more devotion from those you are able to assist.

From Thoughts of Suicide . . . to Christian Devotion

In the midst of all the world's toil and anxiety, the Holy Spirit is still at work—sometimes with groups, more often with individuals. The story of Shuichi Iwamoto, a student at the International Christian University, in Tokyo, and his search for truth, is one of thousands of such workings of the Spirit that might be gleaned. As the young man tells his own story:

"The war left a deep scar in my heart. As with other families my family suffered from hunger and thirst. This compelled my mother to become a black-market peddler. I was always in serious conflict with her way of life; but at the same time I wished her to love me. I studied for half a year at a technical high school against my will, but later I entered a comprehensive high school where I began my search for truth. After some reading in philosophy and literature I became quite pessimistic about the existence of absolute truth and love, so much that I contemplated suicide.

"Out of the longing for the peace of my soul, however, I enrolled at the International Christian University. I sought to fill my spiritual vacuum. Faithfully, I attended the chapel services and Bible classes and read the Bible and many theological and evangelistic books. In a spiritual retreat I learned to pray. I prayed that a true conversion would take place in me.

"At the beginning of my second college term I had to pay my tuition fee, but I could not ask my parents for the money because I had entered ICU against their will. I worked hard for my tuition all through the summer vacation. To my surprise, I was granted an ICU scholarship, without which I would have had to leave the University after the end of the year. For the next six months I worked very hard.

"I tended a boiler in a professor's house. Every evening when I went to the house, a three-year-old boy ran toward me calling me by name. I loved him, especially his pure and innocent eyes. In the course of time he came to play various tricks on me to attract my attention. One day as I was about to leave him after work, he cried and stopped me. It was the first time that I was loved in such a way. Then it came to my mind that as this boy treated me, I should merely open my heart fully to God and commit myself to Him, and have simple trust in Him. So every morning and night I prayed, telling Him of my decision to commit myself to Him, and asking for His abundant love. Gradually the emptiness of my soul was filled with the love of Jesus Christ.

"I soon began to realize, however, that I had not been devoting myself fully to God. I asked the Lord for forgiveness and for permission to serve Him forever. On the day of Pentecost, while I was praying, I heard a voice saying, 'It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.' Now the emptiness of my soul was fully filled with the love and joy of Jesus Christ.

"I resolved to love my parents and to try to guide them into communion with Jesus Christ. Now I shall seek God's kingdom and His righteousness, without being anxious about my own life. I shall live to honor the Lord. I do not know what my calling will be, but I know that God will lead me into the best work that I can do. And it is my aim to live as our Lord wishes me to, and do His will faithfully as a servant of Jesus Christ."

W. W. Reid

New Bishop for Boston Area

Bishop James K. Mathews Comes Here
Bishop Lord Assigned to Washington, D. C.

Methodist bishops visit Boston Globe office. Bishop John Wesley Lord, recently assigned as Methodist bishop of the Washington, D. C., area, is shown at Bertha Peppeard's typewriter in the Globe office. Standing is Bishop James K. Mathews, new Methodist bishop. Mrs. Mathews is seated next to the bishop. Bertha Peppeard, 87, Globe religion editor invited Bishop Lord to visit the Globe plant.

When a man is elected and consecrated a bishop in the Methodist Church, the break in his daily life comes with devastating suddenness such as a man might experience who is pushed from a springboard, and who hits the cold water almost entirely unprepared for the impact.

There is no preparatory interval to cushion the shock of transubstantiation. Something like that happened to Bishop James K. Mathews who was assigned to the episcopacy while he was filling a speaking engagement out West.

Since 1956 he had been serving as associate general secretary of the Division of World Missions of the Board of Missions in New York City. During these past four years he had delivered speeches in many cities. Some of his appearances were in New England.

He and his wife, Eunice, daughter of the great Methodist evangelist, Dr. E. Stanley Jones, and their three children, Anne, 14; Janice, 12; and his son Stanley, 8, were living in a comfortable brick home at 168 Wildwood Ave., Montclair, N. J.

With much the same abruptness, Bishop John Wesley Lord who had found contentment and happiness in the New England way of life during his 12 years as spiritual shepherd of the Boston area, learned that he was to succeed Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam as bishop of the Washington, D. C., area.

The task of these two men was much the same. Bishop Mathews had to sell his house in Montclair and procure a new one near Boston.

Bishop Lord was seeking a purchaser for his attractive residence in Wellesley Hills at this writing. While closing out their old duties, both churchmen had to provide their successors for the takeover. Both of them had to do a lot of commuting.

Many New Duties

There were old engagements, floods of congratulatory messages to be answered, and of course numberless new engagements to be noted and if possible fulfilled and in the odd moments, when there were any, the very necessary chore of house hunting.

Bishop Mathews, a six-foot, 190-pound former missionary and chaplain of World War II, entered into his new duties with a concentrated concern not unmixed with humility. Following a bit of househunting on Saturday, June 26, he left for the area laymen's assembly at Springvale, Me.

The lay leaders were thrilled and inspired by the new bishop's address and his personal contact. Saturday night he rushed back to Logan Airport and caught a plane for Montclair, N. J., where he preached on Sunday, June 27.

His first cabinet meeting was June 28, at the Copley Methodist Church in Boston. His meeting with his 12 district superintendents from the Boston Area was preceded by a service of Holy Communion.

The 47-year-old bishop of the Boston Area was elected at Washington, D. C., on the 12th ballot with 201 votes. He was the last of four to be elevated. At the time of his election there had been a strong rumor that Boston-born, Bishop W. Ralph Ward was to head the Boston area.

There was some reason for this feeling inasmuch as Bishop Ward had served several pastorates in New England. For seven years (1941-48), he was pastor of South Church, Manchester, Conn. Many of the delegates were supporting him.

However, by Friday night there had been a shift in sentiment. The press room with its pipe lines into the various delegates to the committee on the episcopacy reported that Bishop Mathews was gaining, and might be assigned to Boston.

The announcement that he was coming to Boston was received with great joy and delegates accorded him a spontaneous ovation.

Bishop Mathews was born in Breezewood, Pa., and he was reared in Ohio and in Texas, He has the unique experience of having been elected bishop twice. In 1956 he was elected bishop of the Methodist Church in India but he resigned before he was consecrated, asking that an Indian be elected in his place.

Bishop Mathews was educated at Lincoln Memorial University where he received his A. B. degree and was later awarded his Ph. D. degree. The Bibical Seminary of New York awarded him an S.T.B. degree and he received his S.T.M. from Boston University School of Theology. His doctoral studies were on the history of religion. His thesis was on "Mohandas K. Ghandi." He attended Cambridge University, in England and holds a Ph.D. degree from Columbia University.

While in India he served eight years as a pastor in Bombay until 1941. He served as a pastor in Dhulia and district superintendent in the West Khandeesh Province.

In 1946 he was elected to the Board of Missions in New York City. He is the author of "South of the Himalayas," a popular study of India and Pakistan and the story of Methodism in those lands.

In 1940, Bishop Mathews married Miss Eunice Jones, only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. Stanley Jones.

The Rev. Dr. Fred G. Holloway, 62, president of Drew University, Madison, N. J., was elected on the fifth ballot despite his request that he be allowed to continue his work at Drew. He was assigned to the new West Virginia area.

Dr. Harold C. Case, president of Boston University, was strongly supported although he had told friends he could not serve because of his University commitments. When his total had climbed to 120 votes on the third ballot, Dr. Case publicly requested that his name be withdrawn.

Bishop W. Vernon Middleton, 57, was also elected on the fifth ballot, with 188 votes. Since 1956 he had been general secretary of the Division of National Missions at the Philadelphia office of the Board of Missions. He was assigned to Pittsburgh as head of the Western Pennsylvania area.

Bishop Ward was assigned to Syracuse, N. Y.

Other Episcopal assignments: Bishop Lord was transferred to Washington, D. C., succeeding Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, retired. Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke was moved from Pittsburgh to New York to replace Bishop Frederick B. Newell, retired. Bishop Fred P. Corson was reassigned to Philadelphia and Bishop Newell S. Booth was returned to Elizabethville, Belgian Congo, Africa. Bishop W. Earl Ledden, Syracuse, was also retired.

Bishop Booth's reassignment followed lengthy debate. He had requested that he be not returned to Africa, stating he believed the time had come to elect an African as bishop to the Congo. A similar suggestion had been made earlier by a "field committee," of one of his annual conferences.

The Jurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy recommended that Bishop Booth return for four more years with the understanding that the Africa Central

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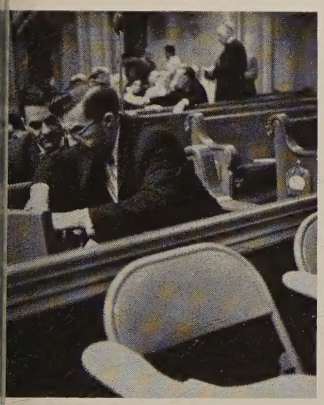
Four bishops of the Methodist church, elected June 16-17 by the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference, join in mutual congratulations. Left to right: Bishop W. Ralph Ward, assigned to Syracuse, N. Y.; Bishop W. Vernon Middleton, assigned to Pittsburgh, Pa.; Bishop Fred G. Holloway, assigned to Charleston, West Virginia; and Bishop James K. Mathews, assigned to Boston, Mass.



ıg a new bishop is always ›lem at the Jurisdictional rence. Here are three New shire delegates deep in a . Left to right: James of Littleton, New Hamp- Philip A. Crane of Hamp- N. H. and the Rev. J. ın Barrett of Manchester,

New England Conference delegate caucus to select their candidates for bishop. Dr. H. Hughes Wagner of Trinity Church, Springfield, is doing the talking. Others in the picture are Dr. Walter G. Muelder, Dr. Harold C. Case, Alden Eberly and Edward Drake.

The New England Southern dele gates. The Rev. J. Manley Shaw, New Bedford district superintendent an M. Philip Susag of South Church Manchester, Conn., at the North eastern Jurisdictional Conference.

Conference can elect a native bishop in the meantime if it so desires.

Charles G. Parlin, chairman of the committee on the Episcopacy, said that the committee had been greatly influenced by the great number of messages from missionaries and African ministers and lay leaders asking that Bishop Booth be sent back to help and guide the church "in these critical times."

Bishop and Mrs. Booth left San Francisco June 25. After a stopover in Brussels to confer with a group of new missionaries assigned to the Congo, they arrived home on the eve of the Proclamation of Independence of their adopted country on June 30.

The bishop plunged immediately into a round of meetings. He presided at the annual sessions in July of the Central and Southern Congo Conferences and met with trustees of the new-Congo interdenominational School of Theology.

He will also preside August 20-30 at the African Central Conference, composed of five annual conferences. Bishop Richard C. Raines, Indianapolis, Ind., will represent the Council of Bishops.

Bishop Booth recently mailed a communication to ZIONS HERALD in regard to the Congo appealing for help, saying:

"Recently many have said they wanted to help to do what ought to be done for Congo. I flew directly from the Jurisdictional Conference at Washington to a consultation in regard to a "crash" program for the training of leadership in Congo.

"There is a tremendous need for people prepared to take leading positions in the fields of agricultural management, engineering development, business management, political science, communications, language training, health promotion, etc. On the other hand there are thousands of capable, alert, eager, Congolese, men and women, who should be doing that work, but they lack the training. They do not have sufficient school background to enable them to get into a university, either in the Congo or outside—and they are too old to get into high school. We must provide training at an Institute in between. And we are going to do it. But we need you to help us.

"We are going to call it Congo Institute of Technology and hope that it will be a step toward a Christian University in the Congo just as our Theological Seminary has been. We want to get "C. I. T." going right away.

"We need a thousand of you to give a day's work each to getting it established. Since it would be hard to take you to Congo for that day's work I suggest you figure out what your salary is for the day's work, or figure it as the new minimum rate of $1.25 an hour for eight hours and send the money to us and we will put it to work.

"Then we need to start with 100 churches, or classes or groups in the churches to provide scholarships for a hundred students. It will cost 25,000 francs a year—but do not be scared, $500 will make 25,000 francs. You can send your money through your church treasurer designated 'Africa General-Bishop Booth.' Then we will put in your day or choose your student."

By action of the special committee on boundaries, the western boundary of the New England Conference will be extended westward to the boundary lines between the states of New York and Massachusetts.

Effective in 1962 that part of Western Massachusetts which lies west of the Berkshires and is now included in the Troy and New York Conferences, will be added to the New England Conference.

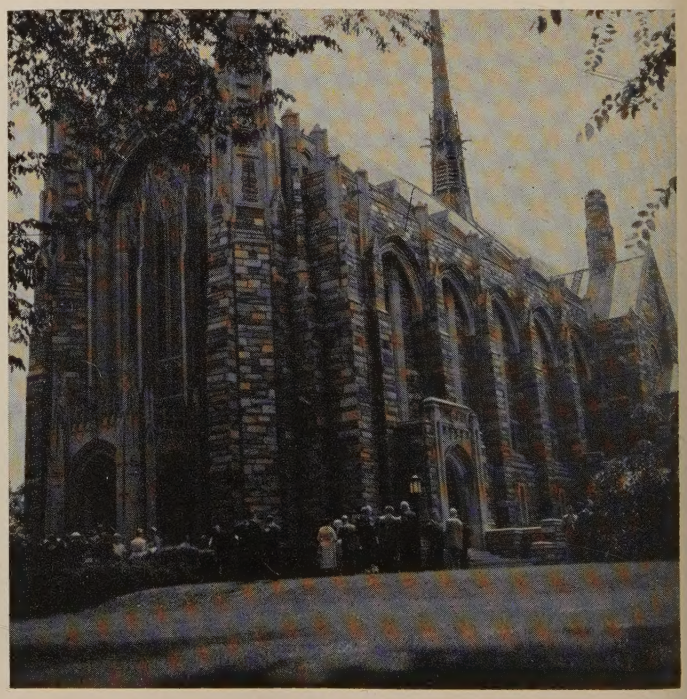
From the Troy Conference, the New England Conference will receive churches in Adams, North Adams, First Church in Pittsfield, Trinity Church, Pittsfield; Cheshire, Williamstown and Dalton with 4,481 members. Transferred from the New York to the New England Conference will be three preaching places and 286 members. These will include Ashley Falls, Lee and Lenoxdale.

The Conference boundary between the New Hampshire and Maine Conferences was changed to follow the boundary lines between the two states. This will involve the transfer to the New Hampshire from the Maine Conference, the churches of Berlin and Gorham.

One of the highlights of the report of the committee on boundaries was the creation of the new West Virginia episcopal area, with the bishop's residence in Charleston. West Virginia, formerly attached to the Pittsburgh area, has 1,500 churches and 200,000 members.

The changes were recommended by the special committee headed by Leon E. Hickman of Pittsburgh, a layman, following an eight-year study.

A memorial petitioning New Hampshire authorities to reconsider the case of Willard Uphaus and grant him his release from jail was voted almost unanimously by the conference with only three dissenting votes.



Delegates gather outside the stately Metropolitan Memorial Church in Washington, D. C., where the recent Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference was held.

Marking an event in the 110th anniversary year of the First Methodist Church in Littleton, N. H., an "Old Home Day" was observed during the alumni reunion weekend of Littleton High School. Ministers, the choir, ushers and greeters wore costumes of the 1800's provided from the collection of Miss Marion L. Cass. The building first used by the First Methodist Church was dedicated on January 8, 1851. With modifications and additions, the same structure is still in use. From a handful of members in 1850, the church has grown to over 500. Front row, left to right: Carolyn Colby, Eschol Goodell, Lucille Macon, Mary Roberts, Susan Hartshorn, Sally Hartigan, Dorothy Dodge, the Rev. Ernest R. Drake, Susan Colby, Nancy Covell, Audrey MacNeill, Gloria Drake, Rachel Hastings, Beverly Hicks, and Mazie Keyes. Rear: Paul Dunham, Orin Holman, Warren Parker, Gary Blodgett, Gilbert Rhoades, David Gilchrist, Russell Gwynn, Harry Hartigan, and Mildred Higgins.

Bishop Ward is greeted by his old friend from South Church, Manchester, Conn., Herbert J. McKinney. Bishop Ward was formerly pastor there.

Bishop and Mrs. W. Ralph Ward, Jr., photographed shortly after Bishop Ward's election to the episcopacy. Bishop Ward was born in New England and held many pastorates here. He was assigned to Syracuse, N. Y.

Bishop Fred G. Holloway, former president of Drew University and Charles C. Parlin, chairman of the committee on the episcopacy.

A Christian Layman's Concern for World Outlook

Address by Senator Margaret Chase Smith at the Saturday Banquet of the Maine Conference in Skowhegan, May 28, 1960

In appraising the world situation today—and the relative security or insecurity of our country in that world situation—I would like to do what historians so often do—look to the past in appraising the present and the future.

I want to take you back to October 1957—the month that the Russians launched Sputnik I and beat us into outer space. I go back to that particular period because that event cast much gloom and chagrin upon the people of our country. It was not pleasant to us that Russia had beat us on the first step into space. In fact, there was some hysteria in spots here—as some radio and television commentators started saying that the United States had become a second-rate power.

Today there is much disappointment and some gloom over the complete breakdown of the Summit at Paris, where hopes for some progress on peace were ruthlessly and cruelly wrecked by Communist Dictator Khrushchev. And there is same concern and chagrin over the U-2 plane incident. We have not looked good in this matter—just as we did not look good when Sputnik was launched in October 1957.

But today we look better than the Russians did at Sputnik I time. If we look bad, the Russians look worse.

Back in October 1957, I observed that there might be some good to come from Russia's spectacular success with Sputnik I—because since Russia had always had an inferiority complex, which tended to make her belligerent and always carrying a chip on her shoulder, this tremendous achievement might remove her inferiority complex and in doing so remove the chip from her shoulder and make her more reasonable and friendly. Such would serve the cause of peace.

I want to repeat to you what I said in several speeches throughout Maine in October 1957 on this particular point. I quote:

"That potential good is psychological in nature. As much as they would deny it, Russian Leaders have always had an inferiority complex about their country. They have always realized that Russia was a second-rate country to the United States.

"While they have enjoyed a very definite edge in military manpower, they have known that they were far inferior on industrial power. The reason that this worried them was because in the final analysis wars are won by industrial power rather than manpower in combat.

"And they have had an inferiority complex about the relative poverty and very low standard of living under which the Russian people live. They have resented the high standard of living that Americans enjoy.

"I think this has led the Russian leaders to an attitude of belligerency that was a cover-up for an inward inferiority complex. It has caused them to carry a chip on their shoulders.

"Their country actually being inferior to the United States, the Russian leaders did not have the luxury of being magnanimous and philanthropic internationally as our country has been able to do.

"They have talked tough because they were bluffing over the weakness that they themselves realized, but wanted to cover up by belligerent talk and actions. They have had a 'No'—or 'Neyet' as they say it—attitude and policy in the United Nations because they did not feel strong enough to say 'Yes' like the United States has.

'Their stunning accomplishments could spark the beginning of greater confidence in themselves and as that confidence grows and they begin to feel that their country is no longer a second-rate power but on equal terms with the United States, they may feel that they have the luxury to start saying 'Yes' at long last.

"Their accomplishments may sufficiently eliminate their inferiority complex to make them feel that they need not fear any nation because of their power and that their position is so strong that they can afford to

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start co-operating on world peace and on means of preventing war." (End of quote.)

If we review the developments following Sputnik I, I think we can conclude that Khrushchev did embark upon a policy of surprising friendliness and indicated reasonableness. The peak of this was reached in September 1959 when he made his visit to the United States and proclaimed great friendship for the American people—and stressed so much the spirit of Camp David.

He protracted this claimed friendliness and new spirit between Russia and the United States by extending a supposedly warm and cordial invitation to President Eisenhower to visit Russia in June 1960 and to bring the President's grandchildren with him.

Obviously, these were the acts of a very confident man, quite pleased with himself and his country. They were not the acts of a fear-ridden man suffering from an inferiority complex about his country. He felt that he and his country were strong enough to indulge in the luxury of friendliness.

Today that is all changed. Khrushchev has reverted back to type—to the inferiority-complex that motivates belligerency. Today Khrushchev has put the chip back on his shoulder. But more than that, he has exposed himself before the world for what he really is. And in the shocking abuse that he heaped upon President Eisenhower at Paris, he overextended himself and outplayed his hand.

It is clear now that the United States has made so much progress on the exploration of space and on the development of the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, that we no longer trail the Russians as Khrushchev once so extravagantly boasted. In fact, it is becoming increasingly clear, despite all the Russian secrecy, that overall we are ahead of the Russians in space development progress —being exceeded by the Russians only possibly in thrust power.

It is clear that we are not at the mercy of Khrushchev's satellites and missiles as he has claimed. And so he has lost his good nature because he no longer possesses what he thought were the means of intimidating us. He has lost his temper—and in doing so revealed weakness not only on his part but on the part of his country.

To me, that is the most significant indication coming out of the wrecked conference at Paris. It is encouraging because it is actually a Khrushchev admission as to the real strength of the United States, and therefore shows that we possess real and substantial power to discourage aggression and war.

But it is discouraging because it is so damaging to the cause of peace. It is discouraging because it spells danger. One of the greatest dangers of war is when a despotic dictator such as Khrushchev seeing his own power slip in his own country and thus fearing that he might be overthrown by his own people, recklessly plunges his country into war to perpetuate his power at home.

Khrushchev's disgraceful outburst at Paris strongly indicates that he is in real trouble back home. In fact, he made a slip in his emotional explosion and made a passing reference to internal politics. This was a slip I am sure he did not intend to make—because it was too revealing.

In the many insults that he heaped upon our President, the communist bully said the conference should be postponed until after President Eisenhower was no longer in office. Often people in a fit of anger say about others what they actually fear about themselves. It would not be surprising if by the time of the next conference Khrushchev is no longer the Dictator of Russia but has been replaced by someone else.

For it is clear that by his outburst in Paris, Khrushchev has greatly impaired his own effectiveness at any future conference. This should be very evident to the men in the Kremlin and in the Red Army—who may conclude that it is time for a change and for Khrushchev to go the same way of Malenkov and Bulganin.

For, make no mistake about it, no individual is indispensable to the evil designs of communism. As much as the men in the Kremlin hate the United States, if they feel that by a policy of friendliness they might ultimately conquer the entire world, they will not hesitate to use that or any other policy.

Throughout the struggle between the God-fearing people of the West and the Godless dictators of Russia, we have had the solace and confidence that the moral force—the spiritual force has been on our side. We have been ever confident that no matter how great the struggle and how great the discouragement and sacrifices, that in the end God's way would prevail and that might did not make right.

I recall how in that gloomy October 1957 period of Sputnik I, I heard a commentator on the radio express great sorrow and say that the success of Russia in launching its red moon and its reported success in developing Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles raised serious question as to whether there could be continuing faith that good would prevail. In effect, without using the words, he was wondering if might would make right—if, at long last, physical force had overcome moral force.

Here was something very sad to me for I know this man. Not well—but well enough to know that he is a good man—a God fearing and respecting man—a very intelligent and respected man himself. It was as though his spirit had been taken from him—as though he was beginning to give up —not in his belief in God—but rather in his confidence that moral force could prevail.

Yes, this was something very sad to me for this was a man of strong moral fibre who was confiding the weakening of his faith. For if the stunning Russian scientific accomplishments are enough to so affect him, what then will they do to men of lesser faith and weaker moral fibre?

Had there been a two-way radio communication system for me to speak to him at the time of his broadcast, I would have called his attention to the fact that the very history of the world has been the struggle between good and bad—between the materialistic and the spiritual—between physical force and moral force —and that always eventually moral force prevailed over physical force.

There have been times before when the spirit and the confidence of men have been understandably shaken. There was the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. There were the times when the Christians were thrown to the lions by the Romans. There were the times when barbarians like the Huns and the Tartars ruled the world.

But right finally prevailed. For there was the resurrection of Christ —and there was the emancipation of the Christians—and there was the overthrow of the Huns and the

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Orchids for Mrs. Lord. The Rev. Ralph Crandall, of East Longmeadow, secretary of the Board of Evangelism, presenting orchids to Mrs. John Wesley Lord, at the New England Conference, in the Daniel L. Marsh Chapel. Bishop Lord stands nearby.

Ministers of New England Conference march into Temple Israel on Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, for annual worship service.

New England Deaconess Association holds luncheon at the New England Conference. Left to right: the Rev. Daniel D. Brox, superintendent of the Bethel Methodist Home, Ossining, N. Y.; the Rev. William H. Duvall and Bishop John Wesley Lord.

New England Conference

Delegates Conclude with Ovation to Bishop and Mrs. Lord

Looking back on the New England Conference a year hence, the one picture that will remain most clear will be the ovation to Bishop John Wesley Lord at St. Mark's Church in Brookline, following the closing ordination service.

There were tears in many eyes because there was a general realization that this was "farewell," and in the rolling drum-fire of applause, five minutes long, there was thanks for 12 years of wonderful service and sorrow at parting. It was a milestone of history.

Then with the typical graciousness which had come to be recognized as a trademark, Bishop Lord called Mrs. Lord to his side and then Miss Ida Moody, his devoted and capable secretary, to share in the ovation.

In his last message to the 20 deacons and elders, Bishop Lord told the seminarians in his valedictory that they were to "spend and be spent," in the service of God and to "tell others what He has done for you."

"You are not to be employed eight hours a day," the bishop said. "Your hands are literally filled with the responsibilities of the office you hold. You have nothing to do but save souls and you must spend and be spent in your work."

He urged them to be unfailing in their teaching. "Preaching without teaching is not enough. A great loss has been sustained in our churches because teaching has stopped. It must be kept alive."

Ordained as elders were: Glenn Edward Black, West Roxbury; Decatur Poindexter Butler, Orange; Benjamin Bruce Conley, Boston; Neal Floyd Fisher, Revere; Richard Gould, Neal Winston, Mo.; John Robert Lilly, Melrose; Harold W. Garman, Burt, N. Y.; Robert Calvin Mezoff, Rockport; Donald Frederick Megnin, Chittenanga, N. Y.; Richard Eugene Nye, Haverhill; Richard Bacon Perry, Whitinsville; and Reginald Keith Smart, Milton.

Deacons ordained were Emory Lee Bothast, Boston; Bradford Howe Bryant, Worcester; William Kilgore Esterly, Boston; John Richard Matthews, Boston University; Richard Lee McGuire, Boston University; John Olland Parker, Woburn; Luther Benson Perryton, Jr., Ware; and Robert Keniston Sweet, Jr., Hartford, Conn.

Preceding the afternoon ordination service, the conference worship service was held at Temple Israel on Sunday morning. The clergy marched in procession from the School of Public Relations and Communications of Boston University to Temple Israel.

Bishop Lord preached on the theme "The Renewal of the Church." "The church has been shaken by contemporary life," he said. "Too often it has been invaded by secularisms of modern society until it serves the forces it is set to correct and destroy.

"The modern church offers to man an easy religion with very few moral absolutes. Too often the church negotiates a truce with its defects. When great social issues demand interpretation and confrontation, the church takes refuge in sacraments and liturgies. Seeking to save its own life, it may find that its life is threatened within. Discrimination and unChristian practices are a part of the very life of the church of our day.

"Because of this, the greatest need of the church is the renewal of its inner vitality lest it become a vestigial remnant of the society it was meant to save."

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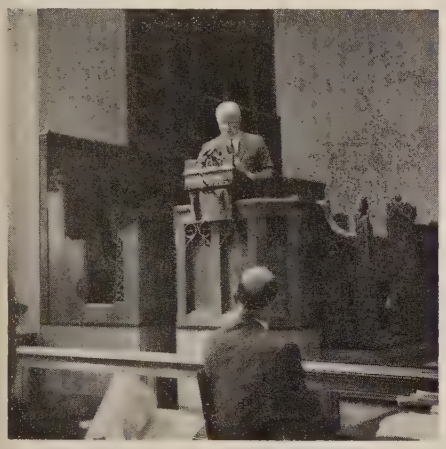
Delegates listen to committee reports at New England Conference. This is one time of the year when few if any fall asleep.



The Rev. John David Erb, pastor of Copley Church and chairman of the Interboard Council on Christian Social Relations, gives his report at the New New England Conference.

Bishop John Wesley Lord presides at New England Conference in Daniel L. Marsh Chapel of Boston University.

Deacons and elders ordained at the New England Conference. First row, left to right: Emory Lee Bothast, Bradford Howe Bryant, John Richard Matthews, Bishop Lord, Richard Lee McGuire, John Olland Parker, William K. Esterly. Second row, left to right: Glenn Edward Black, Decatur Poindexter Butler, Benjamin Bruce Conley, Neal Floyd Fisher, Luther Benson Pennyton, Jr., Reginald Keith Smart, Harold W. Garman. Third row left to right: Richard Gould, John Robert Lilly, Donald Frederick Megnin, Robert Calvin Mezoff, Richard Eugene Nye, Richard Bacon Perry, Fourth row, left to right: the Rev. Ira J. Roberts, Worcester; the Rev. Clarence F. Avey, Springfield; the Rev. Willard C. Arnold, Lynn; and the Rev. Guy H. Wayne, Boston; and John, Wesley Poole.

New England Conference board of lay activities. Front, left to right: Farnham B. Goulding, Worcester; James Fraggos, Allston; Warner C. Danforth, Westford; Melvin Lawrence, Lynn, and Robert A. May, Lexington. Rear: James A. Mann, East Templeton; Edward J. Perry, Whitinsville; Wallace W. Wyman, West Springfield; and L. C. Wunns, Southwick.

The most controversial issue of the conference was the resolution dealing with the seating of Red China in the United Nations. For more than an hour, opponents of the resolution fought to block it. It was finally passed 114 to 78.

The resolution in its amended form urged "that the People's Republic of China be seated in the UN as the de-facto government of six hundred million people."

It included the provision that the government of Taiwan, representing China in the UN "with appropriate guarantees of its territorial and political sovereignty, should as a nation retain a membership in the UN."

Other resolutions were passed condemning alcoholism, pornography, and gambling.

Salary hikes were approved for both married and unmarried pastors. The annual yearly wage for married pastors was increased to $4,400 and the annual salary for unmarried clerics to $3,800. The new salary schedule is effective in January. The total 1961 budget of $665,518 represents an overall increase of $92,017 over last year.

The Rev. Gordon C. Capen, one of three clergymen who retired at the conference, died on Tuesday, June 21, at the parsonage in Townsend following a heart attack.

A native of Fall River he joined the New England Southern Conference in 1924 and was transferred to the New England Conference in 1934. His retirement was the result of ill health. He had accepted a part-time pastorate in Gleasondale, where he had planned to live.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Olive Damon Capen; a daughter, Mrs. Philip Hamel of Townsend, and two sons, David C. Capen, USAF, and James E. of Townsend.

The other two retiring ministers were the Rev. Lloyd A. Duren of Milford who served forty-nine and a quarter years in the ministry and the Rev. John C. Wingett of Dedham, who served a total of forty-seven and three-quarters years.

Changes in appointments, read by Bishop Lord at the concluding session, were:

Boston District—Allston, Derek Brown, Boston University graduate and new member on trial of the Conference, who has been a local deacon at Greenwood Memorial Church, Dorchester. Assistant at Morgan Memorial, Bradford H. Bryant, who also was received into the Conference on trial. Dorchester, Parkman Street, Laurence A. Larson, student supply. Dedham, St. John's, Joseph H. Crocker from Allston, where he has served a six-year pastorate. First Methodist Church in Newton, Newton Upper Falls, Robert W. Holcomb from Hudson. South Walpole, John R. Lilly from Melrose, where he has been associate for two years. Christ Church, Wellesley, is temporarily left to be supplied.

Lynn District—Ballard Vale, Haldean S. Lindsey, transferred back to the New England Conference from the Northwest Indiana. Byfield, Shephard S. Johnson, student supply; son of the Rev. Charles S. Johnson of the Methodist Church in Middletown, R. I. Gloucester, Bay View, Roger J. Harmon, student supply. Lynn, First, Roger A. Barnett from Easthampton. Lynn, South Street, Harold W. Garman, graduate student at Boston University from Burt, N. Y. Malden, Linden, George Hartman, student supply. Medford, St. John's, H. Edward Everding, student supply from the Central New York Conference. Assistant at Melrose, Robert K. Buckwalter, student in Boston University School of Theology who comes from the Philadelphia Conference.

The Rev. Newell S. Booth, Jr., chairman conference board of social and economic relations; the Rev. Robert B. Perry, chairman; and the Rev. Clarence F. Avey, conference committee on world peace; and the Rev. John David Erb, chairman interboard council on Christian social relations.

Newburyport, People's, John O. Parker, theological student and new member on trial in the Conference, who began his ministerial career as a local preacher at Amherst. Peabody, Henry Beukelman from Newton Upper Falls. Salem, Lafayette Street,

Led by the Rev. H. Newton Clay, president, Bureau of Conference Sessions, Bishop Lord and the Rev. Daniel A. Thurston, conference secretary, and the four district superintendents, the candidates for ordination march in procession at St. Mark's Methodist Church in Brookline.

William E. Alberts from First Church, Somerville. Saugus Center, John H. Kendrick from Newburyport, People's. Somerville, First, Frederick F. Harling, Jr., from Peabody.

Springfield District—Chicopee Falls, White Church, Gilbert H. Dawes, graduate of Drew Theological Seminary, who will be taking advanced work at Boston University School of Theology. He is an ordained elder in the North Iowa Conference. Colrain, Walter T. Raymond from Pittsburg, N. H., who will be pastor also at East Colrain. Easthampton, Henry T. Grayson, Jr., a graduate of Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta Ga., this year and a member of the Florida Conference, who expects to be in New England for three or four years working toward a Ph.D. at Boston University. Feeding Hills, Francis J. Ducharme from Colrain and East Colrain. South Athol, H. R. Fleming, a local preacher from Turners Falls. Chicopee, Federated, and Orange are temporarily left to be supplied.

Worcester District—Ashburnham, Federated, John Ambler, transferred back to the New England Conference from the Detroit Conference. Ayer, Federated, Richard B. Perry from Natick, where he has been associate for the last two years. Cherry Valley, R. I. Dean. East Templeton, R. G. Williams, from Australia, B. D. from Drew University and now a Th. D. candidate at B. U. Gardner, Hillside, R. J. Petersen, local preacher from Medway. Hudson, O. W. Lorimer Sargeant from Chicopee, Federated. Lowell, Centralville, G. B. Lantz, Jr., Milford, Edgar J. Helms from Christ Church, Wellesley. Townsend, Peter W. Forsythe, who was received into the Conference on trial. West Chelmsford, Wayne G. Austin from Shrewsbury, Fairlawn. Worcester, Quinsigamond, Edward L. Hoffman from West Chelmsford. Barre and Shrewsbury, Fairlawn, are temporarily left to be supplied.

Special Appointments—Donald D. Douglass from Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N. C., to Wesley College, Dover, Del., where he becomes academic dean. James S. Leslie from Dickinson College, where he has been director of the Danforth Experiment, to Ohio Wesleyan University, where he is to become director of religious activities. John A. Casewell, Jr., from the pastorate at Feeding Hills and the chaplaincy of the Northampton State Hospital, to Binghamton, N. Y., to become resident Protestant chaplain of the Binghamton State Hospital.

Higher Call

Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, chancellor of Boston University, delivered the eulogy at funeral services for the Rev. Dr. William Robert Leslie, for more than 37 years pastor of St. Mark's Church, Brookline, on Sunday, June 26. He died June 22 at New England Deaconess Hospital at the age of 74.

Officiating at the service was the Rev. Gilbert Y. Taverner, pastor who succeeded Dr. Leslie. Prayer was by Bishop John Wesley Lord and the benediction was by Dr. Azariah F. Reimer, retired. Also participating in the services was the Rev. Guy H. Wayne, Boston district superintendent.

Since his retirement two years ago, Dr. Leslie served as associate minister at Christ Methodist Church in St. Petersburg, Fla. Born in Tolono, Ill., Dr. Leslie was graduated from Northwestern University and the Boston University School of Theology. He earned his doctorate at Central Wesleyan College and also studied in England at Cambridge and Oxford. Following his retirement in 1958 Dr. and Mrs. Leslie received tickets for a world cruise from his congregation.

Ralph C. Junkins, 65, of 26 Sunnside Avenue, Saugus, died June 21 at Saugus, (Mass.,) General Hospital after a brief illness. He is survived by his widow, Evelyn B. (Keyes) Junkins. A native of Lynn, he lived in Saugus for 28 years. He was a retired foreman of the General Electric Co., and a veteran of the Yankee Division of World War I. He was a member of the Dorr Memorial Church of Lynnhurst.

He leaves two sons, the Rev. Roland W. Junkins of Auburndale and Donald A. Junkins of Brookline; and and a daughter, Mrs. Howard C. Leck of Saugus; sister Mrs. Everett White of West Peabody and four grandchildren.

The Rev. Maurice L. Bullock, retired, former executive secretary of the Preachers' Aid Society, came East to officiate at the funeral of his cousin, Mrs. Jennie Bullock Hall, at Belchertown, Mass., on Friday, July 29. Dr. and Mrs. Bullock now reside at 1505 21st St. N. E., Salem, Ore.

Three clergymen retire at New England Conference. Left to right: Bishop Lord, the Rev. Lloyd A. Duren of Milford; the Rev. John C. Wingett of Dedham; and the Rev. Gordon C. Capen of Townsend. The three served more than a total of 133 years in the ministry.

New England Southern Conference at South Church, Manchester

The New England Southern Conference at South Church, Manchester, Conn., June 1-5, was a model of gracious hospitality and of efficiency.

South Church, second largest in the area, is blessed with extraordinary, facilities. It has two large mansion-residences for use of educational and fellowship meetings and a large, ivy-covered church, spacious and beautiful.

In addition, it has a freshly-topped parking lot, large enough to handle all the cars that came to the conference. Under the direction of the pastor, the Rev. Lawrence F. Almond, the whole church was organized to care for the comfort of the delegates. The result was perfection.

The Board of Education won the right to restore to the budget the salary of the director of children's work, Miss Grace Risley.

Only a handful of delegates voted against the restoration of the $5,700 item needed to support Miss Risley's work.

M. Philip Susag, retiring chairman of the Commission on World Service and Finance, said that some of the members of his commission felt that the Board of Education was spending too much for professional services while none is being spent by other boards.

A proposal to spend $100,000 for the purchase of the old Providence YWCA building, with a view to turning it into a home for the aged, was turned down by the conference.

A board of trustees was named to study the proposal without power to conclude negotiations.

The Rev. Douglas F. Dorchester, executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education, speaks on the controversial Board of Education issue, at the South Methodist Church, Manchester, Conn. At the left are Bishop Mangal Singh of India, Bishop Lord and the Rev. H. Osgood Bennett, secretary.

A distinguished visitor to the conference was Bishop Mangal Singh of the Bombay area. He made a plea for more missionaries declaring that Christians fail to realize that they have a duty to Christ and a loyalty to His way of life.

"We need to preach Christ and Christ alone," he said.

The 1961 Conference will be at Edgartown on Martha's Vineyard. Ordained as deacons were Richard W. Dupee of Brockton; Mrs. Jeanette Y. McGlinchey, Windsorville, Conn.; Theodore E. Romberg, Attleboro, Mass.; Calvin T. Teasdale, Fall River; and John S. Wenzell, Glastonbury, Conn.

Ordained elders were Evan R. Johnson, Thompsonville, Conn.; and Edgar A. Reed, of Wareham Point, Mass.

Named to the Board of Education were the Rev. H. Osgood Bennett, North Methodist Church, Manchester; the Rev. John E. Post, Burnside Methodist Church, East Hartford.

Miss Marjorie Williams, director of religious education at South Church, Manchester; Godfrey Gourley, South Methodist; Quentin Magnum, North Methodist.

The Rev. Simon Peter Montgomery, pastor-at-large with the Stamford-Darien Council of Churches, was elected to the Board of Christian Social Concerns.

Lay Activities Committee of New England Southern Conference. Front, left to right: Amos Bridge, 2nd, Hazardville, Conn.; Herbert J. McKinney, Manchester, Conn., newly elected lay leader, shaking hands with outgoing lay leader W. Norbert Hill, Gales Ferry, Conn.; and Albert E. James of Putnam, Conn. Rear, left to right: Robert L. Hammond, West Barrington, R. I.; the Rev. Morrill O. Martin, superintendent Providence District; the Rev. Harvey K. Mousley, Norwich district superintendent; and the Rev. J. Manley Shaw, superintendent New Bedford District.

Bishop Mangal Singh of the Bombay Area in India, shown as he was interviewed by a radio commentator at South Methodist Church, Manchester, Conn., during the New England Southern Conference. Assisting in the interview at the right, is the Rev. James Wilson Knorr, chairman of the conference press committee.

The Rev. Mr. Post was named representative to the State Council of Churches as was the Rev. Sherman Treadwell, pastor of Vernon Methodist Church.

M. Philip Susag, a lay leader in South Church, was elected to the Board of Hospitals and Homes and to the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

Elected to the Bureau of Conference sessions were the Rev. Mr. Bennett; the Rev. Percy S. Smith and the Rev. Charles Reynolds.

Offered by the Rev. Simon Peter Montgomery, a resolution endorsing sitdown boycotts to promote integration was passed by the conference.

Mr. Montgomery offered another resolution deploring the continued imprisonment of Dr. Willard Uphaus. At the suggestion of Dr. L. Harold DeWolf of the Boston University School of Theology, the resolution was sent back for rewording.

The revised resolution commended those taking part in a prayer protest on the steps of the State House in Concord, N. H., and declared that Dr. Uphaus had been imprisoned for refusing to divulge the names of those persons participating in a Summer camp under the auspices of the World Fellowship program.

Planned parenthood, planned in Christian conscience, was endorsed. The Rev. Harold C. Metzner, who left Trinity Union Church, Providence, R. I., said that a sociologist from the New York office had said that "when two churches are only a mile apart, they do not work for the Kingdom of God but work against each other."

He referred to the four churches at Mathewson Street, Trinity Union, the recently relocated Friendship church and Washington Park.

Referring to the removal of the Friendship Street Church from the edge of the North-South-freeway extension to the former Westminster-Unitarian at Adelaide Avenue and Hamilton Street, he said that it was "foolish to put $100,000 into a church in Providence when there is no Methodist Church in Cranston."

The budget as approved reached an all-time high of $317,124, or about $8,109 above the original recommendations of the budget commission and an increase of $8,109 over last year.

In addition to Mr. Metzner, others placed on the retired list were the Rev. Otis L. Monson of South Yarmouth and the Rev. Stephen J. Callender of Putnam, Conn., who is suffering from an eye ailment.

Herbert McKinney of South Church, Manchester, was elected conference lay leader and Norbert Hill, retiring conference lay leader, as conference director of stewardship.

Dr. C. Clifford Sargent of Norwich was elected to serve his second four-year term as conference president of the board of evangelism.

Changes in conference assignments New Bedford district: H. E. Vermillion, Oak Bluffs; Harry Soper, South Somerset; W. E. Conklin, South Yarmouth and North Harwich; D. V. Schaffer, Westport Point.

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Prohibition Party Holds State Convention

Mark R. Shaw of Melrose was nominated as Prohibition Party candidate for U. S. Senator at the Massachusetts Prohibition Party State Convention held at the Clarendon Street Baptist Church, Boston, on Saturday, June 4.

Other candidates: Guy S. Williams, Worcester, governor; Thomas Maratea, Greenfield, lieutenant governor; Mrs. Julia B. Kohler, Boston, secretary of state; William D. Ross, Brookline, attorney general; Warren Carberg, West Medway, state treasurer; and John B. Lauder, Revere, state auditor.

Noon luncheons at the New England Southern Conference were extremely busy periods in the day's program.

Dedication of Wesley H. Rowe Memorial window at Wesley Methodist Church, Salem, Mass. Left to right: Fire Chief William R. Hart, Theodore A. Holland of the board of trustees; and the Rev. Charles T. Allen, pastor.

Members of the family of Wesley H. Rowe attend unveiling of memorial window at Wesley Methodist Church in Salem, Mass. In the picture are Mrs. Wesley H. Rowe, William G. Rowe, Wesley B. Rowe, Marian E. Rowe and Elizabeth M. Rowe of Salem, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Carleton G. Rowe of Durham, N. H., and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. Rowe of Danvers, Mass.

Central Jurisdiction Elects Three New Methodist Bishops

The Methodist Church's Central Jurdictional Conference, meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, July 13-17, carved out a new episcopal area, elected three new bishops, and assigned its six active bishops for the four years.

The new area, with episcopal residence in Nashville, Tenn., was created by taking one or more annual conferences from each of the four episcopal areas. It will include the Central Alabama, East Tennessee, Tennessee, and Mississippi and Upper Mississippi annual conferences.

Named to the new area is newly-elected Bishop Charles F. Golden, former director of the Board of Missions' Division of National Missions, Philadelphia.

Bishop Noah W. Moore, Jr., elected from the pastorate of Tindley Temple, Philadelphia, was assigned to the New Orleans Area, succeeding retiring Bishop Willis J. King.

Bishop M. Lafayette Harris, long-time president of Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Ark., was assigned to the Atlantic Coast Area, with office in Atlanta. He succeeds retiring Bishop J. W. E. Bowen.

The other bishops were reassigned: Bishop Edgar A. Love, Baltimore; Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., St. Louis; and Bishop Prince A. Taylor, Jr., to the Monrovia, Liberia, Area.

Bishop Golden has been a staff member of the Division of National Missions for 13 years. During World War II he served for four years as an Army chaplain. He has held pastorates in Birmingham, Ala.; Atlanta, Ga; Cooksville, Tenn.; Clarksdale, Miss.; and Little Rock, Ark. While in Little Rock he also served as professor in Philander Smith College.

Born in Holly Spring, Miss., Aug. 24, 1912, Bishop Golden is the son of the Rev. Dr. J. W. Golden of Memphis, Tenn., retired staff member of the Board of Evangelism. Dr. Golden was asked to share in presenting his son as a bishop-elect.

Bishop Golden received his A.B. degree from Clark College, Atlanta, Ga., and the bachelor of divinity degree from Gammon Theological Seminary. He earned a master of sacred theology degree from Boston University in 1938 and did further post-graduate work there in 1946-47. He also has an honorary D.D. degree from Gammon. He is married to the former Ida Elizabeth Smith.

Bishop Moore, who is 58, was born in a parsonage home at Newark, N. J. He has been pastor of the 5,600-member Tindley, fifth largest Methodist church in America, since 1949. Earlier pastorates were at New Rochelle, N. Y.; Upper Hill, Md.; Chester, Pa.; and two other Philadelphia churches—Zoar and Camphor Memorial. He has also been superintendent of the Easton district.

Bishop Moore received the A.B. degree from Morgan College in 1926 and the B.D. degree from Drew University in 1931. He took post-graduate studies at Crozer Theological Seminary in 1945-46 and received an honorary doctorate from Gammon Theological Seminary in 1951. He was one of nine clergymen of the major faiths chosen by the government of West Germany to make a study tour there a few years ago.

Mrs. Moore is the former Carolyn W. Lee. They have one daughter—Carolyn (Mrs. Arthur D. Weddington of Jamaica, N. Y.)

Bishop Harris, 53, has long been associated with the work of Christian higher education. He has been president of Philander Smith College since 1936 and prior to that time served on the faculty at Clark College, Claflin College, and Samuel Huston College. He has served on the church's Board of Education and the Commission on Church Union.

Bishop Harris was born near Tuskeegee, Ala, and was educated at Clark College and Gammon Theological Seminary. He holds the master of sacred theology degree from Boston University and the doctor of philosophy degree from Ohio State University. He has also done graduate work at Harvard and at Western Reserve University. He has honorary doctorates from several schools.

Mrs. Harris is the former Geneva M. Nelson of Atlanta. They have one son, M. Lafayette, Jr., 17.

Twenty-six Methodist Churches Damaged by Chilean Earthquake

The disastrous earthquakes in southern Chile during the week of May 23-30, which killed an estimated 5,000 persons and left hundreds of thousands hungry, injured and homeless, dealt a severe blow to Methodist work there. First reports indicated that at least 26 Methodist churches and an equal number of parsonages have been damaged or destroyed. Other buildings, such as schools, also were affected. All Methodist missionaries are reported safe and unharmed, but no reports are yet available on any casualties suffered by national workers. Hundreds of Methodist families are among the thousands left without shelter in the cold, rainy Chilean winter.

In the wake of mounting disaster reports, national Methodist agencies moved to meet the desperate need for funds for relief and rehabilitation. A nationwide Methodist Appeal for Chilean and Pacific Basin Relief has been authorized by the Council of Bishops, and by the Council on World Service and Finance.

June 26, was the date set for the emergency offering to be received in each of Methodism's 39,236 churches. The funds will be given to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (MCOR), New York, to be used for general relief, for relief of the hundreds of Methodist families, and for repair and reconstruction of Methodist churches, parsonages and other buildings.

The appeal is being presented to Methodists through the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, which has sent wires and letters to all district superintendents and pastors. General Advance Special credit is being given for all contributions.

The Chilean earthquakes sent tidal waves cascading across the Pacific to wreak destruction along the coasts of Japan and Hawaii. So far as is known, no Methodist personnel were lost, nor property damaged in either place. During the same week (May 23-30), a typhoon and resulting floods devastated a section of the Philippines, but no reports are yet available on any Methodist work affected.

Chile, however, was by far the hardest hit by the week of natural disasters. The area affected by the quakes is in the heart of the oldest section of Methodist work and one of the two most fully developed.

In a telephone report to the Methodist Board of Missions, the Rev. Raymond A. Valenzuela, missionary in Concepcion, said that all 18 Methodist missionaries in the earthquake zone are safe. He said that a preliminary survey shows that all 26 Methodist churches and parsonages in the 1,000-mile-long zone had been affected in some way.

The churches in the towns of Angol, Valdivia, and Los Angeles are total losses, Mr. Valenzuela said.

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A group of 150 delegates attended the eighth annual Boston Area Laymen's Assembly at Nasson College, Springvale, Me. Note Bishop James K. Mathews, front row right center.

Sunday School teacher honored. Miss Mary Luscombe (seated) was a guest of honor at a "This Is Your Life," birthday party at the First Methodist Church, Fitchburg, Mass., on May 20. Left to right: the Rev. Ivan L. Nickerson, pastor; Willard I. Shattuck, Jr., master of ceremonies; Arthur Bamford, who played Ralph Edwards, and Mrs. Arthur Hopkinson, widow of a former pastor.

Sunday School Teacher for More Than 50 Years Honored

Miss Mary E. Luscombe who joined the First Methodist Church of Fitchburg, Mass., 62 years ago, was given a "This Is Your Life," birthday party on May 28 at the church.

It was during the pastorate of the Rev. W. G. Richardson that she came into membership. During her younger days her interests centered in the Epworth League, of which she eventually served as secretary, fourth vice-president and president.

The training for her life work as a public school teacher was applied to Sunday School teaching. At the present time she is Junior Department superintendent. Her interests have extended to all phases of church life and she was the first woman member of the Official Board of the First Methodist Church.

She was presented with a check for $450 for an accordion-type curtain for the rear of the church and a personal purse by Willard I. Shattuck, Sunday School superintendent.

Miss Luscombe was a teacher in the Fitchburg schools for 40 years and she has taught Sunday School for more than half a century.

Duane E. Armstrong was in charge of arrangements assisted by the Rev. Ivan L. Nickerson, pastor. Mrs Arthur Bamford did the detective work for the party which was a complete surprise for Miss Luscombe.

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Newton Centre Observes 85th Anniversary June 5

The 85th anniversary of the Newton Centre Methodist Church was observed with a special worship service on June 5 and an anniversary supper on June 6.

The Rev. Elmo F. Young, minister, preached at the worship service. At the anniversary supper, the Rev. H. Daniel Hawver, pastor of the College Avenue Methodist Church in Somerville, gave the address. The Rev. Willard C. Arnold, superintendent of the Lynn district, gave the invocation and the Rev. Guy H. Wayne, superintendent of the Boston district, the benediction.

Ralph B. Emery gave the church's early history. Mrs. Charles H. Milliken, who joined the church in 1895, and is now the oldest member was introduced. Assistant Fire Chief Harvey Preble recalled the days when the congregation held services in the engine house.

Boston Area Ministers Win Travel Award Scholarships

The Rev. Joseph A. Stevenson of Chelsea, and the Rev. O. W. Lorimer Sargeant of Chicopee were awarded travel scholarships of $1,500 each this year by the trustees of the New England annual conference under the Stowell Travel Scholarships.

The scholarships are the result of a bequest of the late Dr. Charles Stowell, a former member of St. Paul's Church in Lowell. It was his plan that Methodist ministers of the New England Conference, appointed under the terms of his will, would have an opportunity of visiting the Holy Land.

The requirements specify that applicants must be ministers of the New England Conference filling a regular charge and must be under 55 years of age.

Application forms for 1961 scholarships may be obtained from the Vice-president of the Conference trustees, the Rev. Hamilton M. Gifford, 56 Somerset Road, West Newton, Mass., and must be completed and returned to him before Oct. 15, 1960. Those interested in going next Summer must make application again even though they have applied in previous years.

Members of the new board of trustees are Arthur B. Worthley, Jr., Chelmsford, president; the Rev. Hamilton M. Gifford, Newton, vice-president; Ernest S. Johnson, Reading, treasurer; and Delphas S. Barnett, Sudbury.

The investment committee which has special responsibility under the board of trustees for investments related to the Consolidated Fund of the Conference is Ernest Johnson, vice-president and comptroller, New New England Trust Co.; Joseph Earl Perry, Belmont; and Arthur Worthley, assistant treasurer, John Hancock Insurance Co.

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Tartars. Moral force ultimately did prevail over physical force.

Skeptics might say to me, "But this time is different for there has never been such concentration of physical force before and with Godless men combining that physical force with their conquest of space, how can there be any hope to stop them?"

My answer would be that placed in the proper reference and perspective of the time, relatively the same thing has been said before many times in the history of the world. Many times before, some men judging from what they knew at the time were just as pessimistic.

If we have reached the point where physical force has become so great that moral force cannot prevail against the materialistic, then so surely we will have reached the point where man is bent upon self-destruction.

It would appear that man possesses the potential power of this self-destruction—of destroying the world he lives in. If he is so bent upon self-destruction, while it would appear that physical force has made the final triumph—would it really have?

It would not—for in the end moral force would have prevailed for a world controlled by physical force would have no place in the eyes of God and the evil arrayed against moral force would have destroyed itself. In other words, a world destroyed by physical force would be nothing less than a suicide of evil.

For while the material things would have been destroyed—while our bodies would have been destroyed—the spirit would have survived—our souls would have survived.

Should men of evil conquer our world with physical force and subjugate us to slavery because we let materialistic desires intimidate us into cowardice, would this world be worth living in? Would materialistic life be so precious that we would be willing to sell our souls to save our bodies? Would we then have anything to live for?

I do not share the gloom and pessimism that prevails in some quarters. I am confident that moral force will again prevail. For it seems to me that as nations of the world gain equal potential physical power a stalemate is caused which may very well work for the peace of the world.

What I am saying is that the amassing of great phsyical force may inadvertently serve to strengthen the power of moral force and bring men to their sensibilities and realization that the use of force and war can serve only to destory the world and everyone including themselves.

I am confident that the United States in its leadership of moral force in the world will continue to match and ultimately excel every development of physical force by Russia. We will not do it easily. It will be hard. But if we are not up to the task, then we will not have served the cause of God to do everything within our power to make moral force supreme and triumphant.

Let us pray that the developments of our time will lead men first to the inescapable logic that physical force and war is not the way to settle differences but will lead only to destruction of the world—and then after the recognition and realization of that logic that men will take the next step to negotiate among themselves in the strength of mutual understanding and goodwill to each other.

We are near the crossroads on this —with one road leading to the triumph of reason and good permanent peace and good will among men —and the other road leading to the triumph of aggression and ultimate world destruction. Let us pray that we take the road of reason and peace.

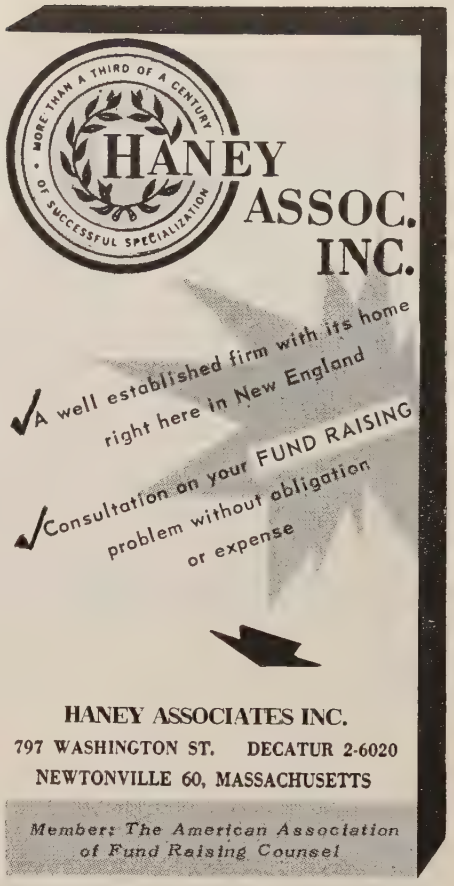
For those who keep the faith, even the road of world destruction cannot destroy the spirit and the soul. Atomic bombs—hydrogen bombs—space moons—are but nothing when compared to the spirit that lives on forever.

Bishop Paul N. Garber New Jurisdictional President

Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va., has been elected president of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council of The Methodist Church.

He succeeds Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta, who retired.

Other officers elected for the next four years were first vice-president, Howard Berg, Melbourne, Fla.; second vice-president, Bishop John Owen Smith, Atlanta; and secretary, the Rev. Dr. Carl J. Sanders, Richmond, Va.



From Our Readers

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For a Christian to concede that the author is right would be disloyalty to our Christian Faith and to Jesus Christ. If the author's solution were a correct one it would seem logical for all of us to carry a "six-shooter" or a phial of cyanide!

I am distressed over one who is supposedly a follower of Jesus Christ who takes this attitude, and I grieve for the Congregation which has such leadership—or should he happen to be an educator, I grieve for the students who might come under his tutelage.

Thank God there is still the ONE WHO SAVES, the Christ, the Saviour of the World. May the theme of our General Conference for the next four years be more than a mere slogan—may the "Lordship of Jesus Christ" become a part of our lives as we go forward with the hope and belief that Jesus not only rules over all, but has the answers to all our problems. Yes, Christ over all, in all, and through all, now and for all eternity!

Very sincerely yours,
REV. LEROY A. LYON

Picture of Lexington Methodist Church Ground breaking. Left to right: With shovel, Bruce Carlson, a pre-schooler; Richard Larson, a member of the MYF, Susan Hewes, a primary child; The Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Gifford, retired minister of the New England Conference, representing the older adults.
(photo by Alford Peckham)

New Educational Wing To Be Added in Lexington

The Lexington Methodist Church held a groundbreaking service for its new educational wing on Sunday, June 12, with its first pastor, the Rev. Earl D. Haywood of West Springfield, as the guest preacher.

Construction is expected to begin soon. The estimated cost is $85,000. A year ago the church pledged $75,000 for a three-year period. The new building will consist of seven large rooms. Four of these will be especially suitable for pre-school religious education. The church school enrollment is now over 400 and is increasing.

Alford S. Peckham is chairman of the building committee and the Rev. Landon Lindsay is pastor. The church recently built an eight-room parsonage at a cost of about $31,000 and it is now occupied by the pastor's family.

A Conference on Church Building and Architecture, under the auspices of the Research Department of the Massachusetts Council of Churches in co-operation with the Department of Church Building of the National Council of Churches, is announced for Saturday, November 5, 1960, at the Fisk Memorial Methodist Church in Natick.

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Willimantic Camp Ground Celebrates Centennial

Historic old Willimantic Camp Ground, a Methodist institution, Willimantic, Connecticut, celebrated its centennial year with the One Hundred First annual session of the summer Assembly July 23-31.

The presiding officer was the Rev. Joseph M. Harrell, D. D., president of the Association serving his fifteenth year. Speakers for the week included the Rev. H. K. Mousley, superintendent of the Norwich District, Methodist Church, Dr. E. G. Linden, pastor First Congregational Church, Willimantic, Bishop Frederick B. Newell, New York City, and the president, Dr. Joseph M. Harrell.

A religious education hour was conducted each day by Dr. and Mrs. Charles X. Hutchinson, Jr., Washington, D. C. Dr. Hutchinson is executive secretary of the International Reform Federation. The song leader was Justin Lawrie, Minister of Music, Foundry Methodist Church, Washington, D. C.

Two special programs included a concert by the Willimantic City Band on Tuesday evening, July 26, and the Historical Pageant on Saturday, July 30.

The Rev. John Vandergroef, a non-Methodist minister, has become pastor of the Federated Church in Fort Fairfield, Maine.

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P. O. A. U. Defending Church-State Separation in Maine

Under the guidance of its president, the Rev. Bertram F. Wentworth, pastor of Methodist Churches in Westbrook and West Cumberland, Me., P.O.A.U. is continuing to wage an effective battle against public tax supported bus transportation for parochial school pupils.

P.O.A.U. was organized in Maine four years ago with the Rev. Mr. Wentworth as president. The issue came to the forefront in Maine two years ago when the City of Augusta approved public school bus service for parochial school pupils.

A group of citizens took the case before the state Supreme Court and won a judgment when the court ruled that the issue was unconstitutional in the matter of presentation. Maine is one of two of the 50 states where there is no clause in the constitution that forbids the use of public money for parochial bus transportation.

The State Legislature entered the fight and an enabling act to permit this form of bus transportation was introduced.

P.O.A.U. took up the matter and enlisted the support of other organizations to appear at the hearing held in Augusta, Jan. 20, 1960. A sum of money was raised and Charles Peirce of Augusta was retained as attorney for P.O.A.U.

More than 100 people representing various Protestant organizations attended the hearing and spoke against the bill. The measure was defeated by the House by seven or eight votes and by five votes in the Senate. A second Senate vote was taken and the measure was defeated by a single vote.

A new organization is now being formed and is holding a series of meetings in different parts of the state to alert Maine citizens to defend the public school system against all encroachments and enlist them as members of Maine Citizens for Public Schools.

P.O.A.U. is also attempting to straighten out "captive schools." In several communities these schools are staffed by nuns and Protestant children are subject to their particular brand of secular-religious instruction. Several of these so-called "captive" schools are located in Aroostook County and one on Indian Island, near Old Town.

Repercussion of the bus transportation issue will come before the voters in the State election next November.

A majority of the Republicans in Maine, it is believed, are opposed to the use of public money for parochial school expenses. To acquaint the people of Maine with the facts, the new organization expects to hold meetings in every part of the state. Dates for the first two meetings were June 7 in the Centre St. Baptist Church, Bangor, and June 9 in Frye Hall, Portland. When the 1961 legislature convenes, it is hoped that any attempt to gain support for parochial schools from public money will be defeated.

Maine Citizens for Public Schools will make its appeal to people as citizens who want to keep our public schools free from the domination of any religious group. Hitherto, the accusation of religious bigotry has been dragged in by the opposition. The new organization hopes to carry on the campaign on a different basis.

Youth group greeted. The Rev. Stephen Smith of Cotuit at the far right and his group of young people, are greeted at the New England Southern Conference at South Church, Manchester, Conn.

New England Southern

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Clark, First Church, Pawtucket; David Carter, associate at Mathewson Street Church; R. C. Stahl, Trinity Union, Providence; T. E. Romberg, Scituate; D. B. Hoyle, assistant, Asbury Church, Warwick; C. D. Shafer, Hillsgrove, Warwick.

Special appointments: R. O. Hartman, assistant professor of Philosophy and Religion, Iowa Wesleyan College, Brockton Central Quarterly Conference; J. C. Harris, executive director, Connecticut-Western Massachusetts regional office of National Conference of Christians and Jews, North Easton Quarterly Conference; L. S. Hatch, United Church of Norwood, North Attleboro Quarterly Conference.

Chilean Earthquakes

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First Methodist Church in Concepcion, one of Methodism's largest in Chile, and the new church in the port city of Talcahuano were heavily damaged. Schools in Angol and elsewhere also were reported damaged.

From stricken Angol, site of the noted El Vergel demonstration farm, Missionary Stan Moore wrote May 25: "We have just passed through 96 hours of sheer terror. Even for the bravest, it was a period of nerve-wracking tension. Our city is left with ninety per cent of its homes either down or so badly damaged as to be uninhabitable. You can imagine in what state of mind this disaster has left our people, especially the poor and superstitious. They are bewildered, helpless. Our El Vergel sawmill is working in shifts, trying to turn out as much lumber as possible for rebuilding. The kitchen is preparing meals for 300 or more who are in communal shelters. El Vergel is making every possible effort to alleviate the disaster which confronts us, but the task is tremendous."

The full extent of the damage cannot accurately be assessed until the two district superintendents in the areas affected have returned from a tour and made their reports. They are the Rev. Eduardo Stevens of the Central district, a Chilean, and the Rev. Walter Mason of the Northern and Southern districts, a missionary.

With the limited resources available, the Methodist Church in the United States has already responded to the need for relief in Chile and elsewhere through both denominational and interdenominational channels. Church World Service, the cooperative overseas relief agency of major American Protestant and Orthodox churches (including the Methodist Church), has sent $5,000 cash, 50,000 pounds of clothing, 1,500 blankets, 80,000 pounds of food and $15,000 worth of medical supplies and vitamins. The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief has forwarded $5,000 cash for emergency relief of many hundreds of Methodist families affected.

The need, however, is for much larger sums for relief and for the huge reconstruction task. It is hoped that these funds will be made possible through the generosity of American Methodists in the Appeal for Chilean and Pacific Basin Relief. Of the need, the Rev. Dr. Gaither P. Warfield, general secretary of MCOR, said:

"Since the information available is so meager with communications destroyed, few Americans have any conception of the havoc wrought by the disastrous quakes. With sixty-five per cent of the population south of Santiago without shelter in the midst of winter, it is a situation that demands immediate attention and help. Cash, clothing (especially blankets) and your prayers are urgently needed."

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Harvard Faculty Backs Vanderbilt Resignations

Nineteen members of the faculty of Harvard Divinity School have issued a statement in commendation and support of the eleven members of the faculty of the Vanderbilt University Divinity School who have resigned. These resignations have been submitted in protest against the refusal of the Board of Trustees of Vanderbilt University to re-admit to the University the Rev. James M. Lawson, Jr., of Nashville, a Methodist minister, expelled last March. The University accused him of having conducted a civil-disobedience campaign marked by sit-in protests against segregated lunch counters in Nashville.

The statement issued by members of the Harvard Divinity School faculty follows:

We, the undersigned members of the Faculty of Divinity of Harvard University, send to the Dean and members of the Faculty of the School of Theology at Vanderbuilt University this expression of our esteem by reason of their courageous resignation from the University as reported in the press. You have our confidence and comradeship in the integrity of the witness you have made as Christians in the midst of the grave crisis that has overtaken your University owing to the present struggle in the United States to achieve justice in race relations.

We salute your demonstration that creative scholarship and sensitivity to all that affects the freedom of the human spirit belong inseparably together.

We commend your faithful, forbearing and discerning attempt to explore every reconciling possibility. That effort having failed, it is our conviction that your willingness to bear the pain and deprivation imposed by self-justifying power bespeaks the power of Christ which here transcends the dilemma of choosing between complacency and violence. We find it deeply humiliating that a Board of Trustees should so act as to constrain a faculty to resign lest the integrity of Christian faith be compromised and a violation of justice be further condoned.

In endorsing your action we pledge you our support by endeavoring to provide for the continuation of teaching, research and study by yourselves and your students as the developing emergency may require and as our resources and those of other Theological Schools that may be disposed to join us will make possible.

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Hold Recognition Service For Suncook Pastor

A service of recognition was held on June 19 at the Suncook (N. H.) Methodist Church in honor of their pastor, the Rev. Quentin L. Hand.

The Rev. William R. Keeffe, pastor of First Methodist Church in Manchester presided at the 4 P. M. service. Northern District Superintendent, the Rev. Ray H. Cowen, was the speaker. The Suncook choir sang several selections, under the direction of Robert O. Loiselle, organist-director.

Immediately following the service a reception for Dr. Hand was held on the church lawn. Nursery care for the children was provided.

The committee in charge of the service and reception was composed of Robert O. Loiselle, Mrs. Nathalie Loiselle, Mrs. Phyllis Bailey, Miss Gloria Gardner, Mrs. Minnie Noyes and Thomas MacNamara. George Michiels was in charge of the ushers.

Hosts and hostesses for the reception were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bailey, the Rev. and Mrs. Roy Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. George P. Cofran. The reception was catered by Mrs. Ivo Noyes.

Dr. Hand has served the Suncook and Bow Mills churches since October, 1952. While he was pursuing his studies and serving as pastor, the Bow Mills church received 93 members, increased the enrollment of its Sunday School, doubled its annual budget, and erected a new church building. Simultaneously the Suncook church has reroofed and redecorated its church, remodeled and redecorated its church kitchen, rebuilt its pipe organ, remodeled its chancel, installed a new heating system in its church, purchased a new parsonage, increased its annual budget, and received 79 members.

Boston University conferred the Doctor of Philosophy degree upon him on June 5 of this year. His field of studies was Psychology and Pastoral Counseling. The title of his dissertation was "A Psychological Study of Thirty Prayer Group Participants."

While pursuing graduate studies, Dr. Hand served for nine months as Protestant Chaplain of Boston Psychopathic Hospital. He also served for one year as counselor in the B.U. Pastoral Counseling Service. He has been engaged in graduate work since 1951.

Dr. Hand holds an A.B. degree from Indiana University and a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Garrett Biblical Institute. He was ordained a Deacon in the Methodist ministry in 1946; full ordination as an Elder was bestowed upon him in 1948. He is a member of the New Hampshire Conference of The Methodist Church.

In May of this year, Bishop John Wesley Lord appointed Dr. Hand to give full-time pastoral care to the Suncook church.

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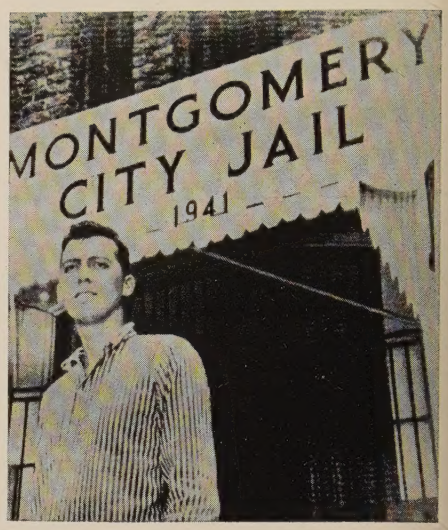
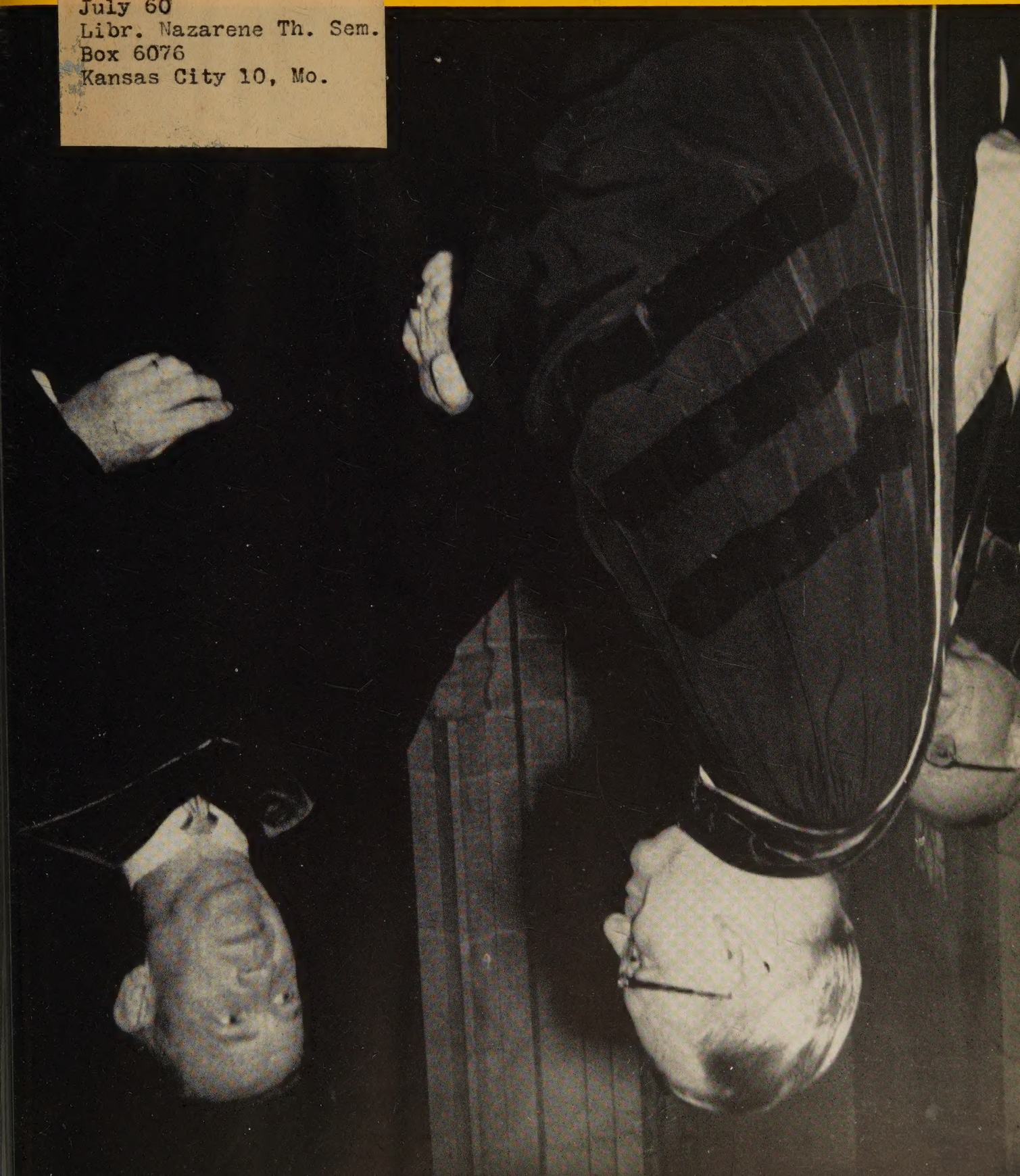


Boston University seminarian sentenced for integration efforts. Ralph Edwin King, of Vicksburg, Miss., 23-year-old Methodist Student at the Boston University School of Theology, was sentenced to ten days of hard labor in Montgomery, Ala., for an alleged attempt to integrate an all-white dining room. Mr. King, who serves as associate pastor of the Grace Methodist Church in Cambridge, is show leaving city jail to join a wood-chopping gang. Earlier, for arranging a Negro ministers' luncheon in a Negro dining room, he was convicted, with ten University of Illinois sociology students and their professor, and his wife, of actions "calculated to provoke the breach of the peace." The older defendants, including Mr. King, were fined $100 and costs, while the younger students were fined $50.

Stanley Whitaker Thomas, son of the late Rev. Hayward S. Thomas, former member of the Maine Conference, and grandson of the late George E. Whitaker, former publisher of ZIONS HERALD, received his Ph.D. degree in Social Ethics from Boston University on June 5.

Mr. Thomas is at the present time director of Idaho Institute of Christian Education on the campus of Idaho State University, Moscow, Idaho.

David H. Pingree, former president of Crawford Memorial Church Winchester and for two years president of the New England Conference MYF, attended the White House Conference on Children and Youth last March in Washington, D. C.

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